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*MEDICAL RESEARCH IN  
FRANCE AND THE  
RED CROSS*

THE War Council of the American Red Cross has appropriated \$100,000 for general military medical research work in France, including special methods of recognition and study of diseases among soldiers. This action followed a report from the Red Cross Commission in France to national headquarters in which they said:

"An extraordinary opportunity presents itself here for medical research work. We have serving with various American units some of the ablest doctors and surgeons in the United States. Many of these men are already conducting courses of investigation which, if carried to successful conclusions, will result in the discovery of treatments and methods of operation which will be of great use not only in this war, but possibly for years afterwards. To carry on their work they need certain special laboratory equipment, suitable buildings and animals for experimental purposes. At present equipment and personnel can not be obtained through ordinary government sources without delay, which makes this source of supply quite impracticable."

This recommendation, like others of a medical nature from the commission, was submitted to an advisory medical board in France composed of leading American physicians and surgeons working with our forces in that country, and was approved by them.

This advisory board is headed by Dr. Joseph A. Blake, with whom are associated Colonel Ireland, of General Pershing's staff; Dr. Livingston Farrand, president of the University of Colorado; Dr. Alexander Lambert, professor of clin-

ical medicine, Cornell Medical School; Dr. John M. Finney, professor of clinical surgery at the Johns Hopkins University; Drs. Richard P. Strong and W. B. Cannon, professors at Harvard University; Major George W. Crile, head of the Cleveland Base Hospital Unit; and Dr. Hugh H. Young, professor at the Johns Hopkins University.

The committee in charge of this research work in France, headed by Dr. Cannon, includes Dr. Blake, Dr. Crile, Colonel Ireland, Dr. Lambert, Dr. Strong, Dr. Kenneth Taylor, Dr. Harvey Cushing, professor of surgery at Harvard; Dr. James A. Miller, professor of clinical medicine at Columbia; Dr. William Charles White, associate professor of medicine at Pittsburgh; and Dr. Homer F. Swift, professor of medicine at Cornell.

*SCIENTIFIC ITEMS*

WE record with regret the death of Ellery Williams Davis, dean of the college of arts and sciences and head of the department of mathematics of the University of Nebraska; of Rollin Arthur Harris, mathematician to the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey; of Charlotte Fitch Roberts, head of the department of chemistry at Wellesley College; of G. P. Girdwood, professor of chemistry in McGill University, and of C. Christiansen, professor of physics in the University of Copenhagen.

M. PAINLEVÉ, professor of mathematics in the University of Paris and recently premier of France, has been elected president of the Paris Academy of Sciences, succeeding M. d'Arsonval. M. Léon Guignard, professor of botany at the School of Pharmacy of Paris, has been elected vice-president.